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January 20, 2010

Mr. Robert Wyatt  
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Re: Portland Harbor Superfund Site; Administrative Order on Consent for Remedial Investigation and Feasibility Study; Docket No. CERCLA-10-2001-0240 – LWG Initial Review of Preliminary Comments on the Baseline Human Health and Ecological Risk Assessments

Dear Mr. Wyatt:

EPA has reviewed your letter dated January 20, 2010 regarding the Lower Willamette Group's (LWG) initial review of EPA's December 23, 2009 Preliminary Comments on the Baseline Human Health and Ecological Risk Assessments for the Portland Harbor Superfund Site. In your letter, you request that EPA extend the deadline for dispute resolution until at least February 3, 2009 to allow further discussion on the issues raised in your letter.

EPA believes that is appropriate to extend the deadline for dispute until after our two upcoming meetings with the LWG - the January 22, 2010 meeting on the benthic toxicity risk assessment referenced in your letter, and the February 2, 2010 meeting to discuss the risk management framework. EPA believes that these discussions will resolve many of the points raised in your letter. As a result, EPA hereby extends the dispute deadline to February 5, 2010.

If you have any questions regarding this matter, please contact Chip Humphrey at (503) 326-2678 or Eric Blischke (503) 326-4006. All legal inquiries should be directed to Lori Cora at (206) 553-1115.

Sincerely,

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